

THE EUTAWVILLE FLIERS CLUB NEWS LETTER

DECEMBER 3RD 2008

THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE ALPINE RESTAURANT IN EUTAWVILLE

This meeting was held in December due to the last meeting date conflicting with the Thanksgiving Holiday. We had a large turn out last night and a total of 25 members and guests showed up. They are listed as seated in no particular order.

BOBBY JOHNSON PHILLIP & HELEN WINNINGHAM GERRY DUFRESNE BOB & JOY LOVE
BRUCE BRESKY HENDERSON DUPREE NELSON CARTER GENE GUTHAN ROY SMITH
SPENCER & JANIE EDMONDS PAUL & EDNA GONYA DENNIS MARTIN & JULIE HERB AVINGER
ALLAN PERNIGOTTI PATRICK NABIN GEM MENYNARDIA STEVE IGRIO
KEN MAHONEY & SHANE DROZE FRED PETERS

Most everyone arrived early and had something to eat and to socialize prior to the meeting. .
 Our President for 2008, Spencer Edmonds presiding over his last meeting opened the activities at 1902 hrs.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The membership was asked that any special announcements be made at this time.
 Fred Peters took the floor to inform the group that the hobby shop will be closed for 4 days, that is Dec 4th thru 7th and will reopen on Monday Dec 8th.

Herb Avinger took the floor to announce that the club trailer drinks and snacks realized a profit of \$83.03 and a stock of \$50.00 worth of goods in the trailer for the year 2008. (Editor's note) Herb, in running the concession, has realized a sizable profit from the sales of drinks and snacks. It has been a few years since the club has received any profit from these sales. Thank you Herb, for a job well done.

TREASURER & SECRETARY REPORTS:

Spence called on the Treasurer for the November report. Gene read the report and it was approved as read by the membership.

Spence then asked that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as received by the members in the News Letter. The membership approved the minutes as received.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Bob love reported that the field was in good shape at this time. Bob also remarked that the club should have a new sign built and erected up at the intersection on Hwy 6. He said that he thinks we can build a new sign for a fraction of the costs given us by a local sign maker. The mowers will be delivered to Danny's in Eutawville, to be serviced for the next mowing season that starts in March of 2009. Bob will handle that.

Spencer asked Gerry for a date to get together to clean and paint the new storage container at the field. Gerry had the following comments: The paint was purchased and paid for by the club and is in safe storage at Gerry's Place. He suggested that we now wait until warm weather returns and then use high press wash to clean the container so it can be painted. The membership agreed to wait till spring and follow thru with Gerry's plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business offered up by the members at this time and the meeting moved on.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spencer moved on to new business:

Paul Gonya asked if there was any news on the accident we had at the field during the flyin in November. For those who are unfamiliar with the details, here is a brief synopsis of what transpired. After lunch had been served, most people had gathered at the metal shelter to hear the drawing for the prizes to be awarded. It had been windy all morning but not to bad. A sudden hard gust of wind picked up the cook and serving tent and caused it to become airborne. Nelson had pulled his truck along side of the tent just before the gust hit. The structure passing up and over Nelson's truck cause considerable damage to the window roof and hood of the vehicle. Gene contacted AMA on Monday and found out what to do. He prepared the necessary paperwork to file an insurance claim. After a number of phone calls and exchange of paper work with AMA and the insurance company, they agreed to cover the damage minus a \$250.00 deductible. We are presently awaiting the check from the company and will present it to Nelson directly. This was the first claim we had in 22 years of operation and pray that it is the last.

We were extremely fortunate that the damage was not greater or that no one was injured. We are reviewing our safety measures and will put them in force directly. We must look at this as warning of what could happen if we do not observe safety measures ALL THE TIME.

Bobby took the floor to say that it's time to think of gifts for Mr. Rut and Jean for Christmas. After some discussion about the matter it was decided to give each one a \$100.00 gift certificate and a spiral cut ham to them both. Spencer will handle the gifts as his last act as President. The membership agreed and voted yes to the proposal.

Jeff, the owner of the Alpine wanted to say a few words to the group. He expressed his gratitude for our support and asked that we continue our meetings there thru 2009. We have been treated well and will probably continue our meetings there. We have two dinner gift certificates from Jeff that we will raffle off at the next flyin.

Dennis said that we should discuss next year's flyins at the January meeting. It is noted.

Roy discussed some safety violations and addressed them to the members present

Ken suggested that the club buy a carport and erect it on the site of where the cook tent is usually put. It would be a permanent installation and would hold up to winds and weather. This was agreed to and voted on. Bobby will see to it. Standard 18x20 size was agreed upon. This will be a good and useful addition to the club grounds.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2009 CLUB OFFICERS:

After a brief discussion, it was apparent that no one was interested in holding office. There was more discussion and talk of doing away with the secretary job and newsletter after Gene said someone else should take the job for a while. Gene said he has held the Sect job now for almost 5 years and the Treas job for 3 years.

Anyway after all the confusion and everyone talking at the same time (a nightmare for the Sect trying to take the Minutes) Ken Mahoney said he would accept the Presidency and Roy Smith would accept the Vice Presidency. Gene would stay on as the Sect / Treas. There was no need to send ballots out to the membership, as there were no other nominations. Spencer ask that the members present to vote on the nominees and they did, electing all the above mentioned. Officers for 2009 are as follows KEN MAHONEY PRES. ROY SMITH VICE PRES. GENE GUTHAN SECT./ TREAS.

Next meeting will be on January 28 2009 at the Alpine at 7pm.

CRASH AWARDS:

Bob and Allan crashed the club ship, It wasn't clear who was driving, maybe neither one?

Nelson crashed his Uproar and did a bang up job; it ended up in the trash barrel. Nelson won the award, as his crash was more spectacular than the other.

That's it for 2008, Lets try to get to the club more often and participate in the activities in 2009.

GOD BLESS OUR CLUB AND THE MEMBERS

Gene